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In re patent application of:

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L-Amino Acids Using Strains of the
Enterobacteriaceae Family**

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Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

It is hereby requested that the period for filing the enclosed Notice of Appeal in the above-captioned application be extended through the date of filing of this Petition, fee payment, and accompanying Response.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17) for a large entity is believed to be \$460.00 for a two-month extension. This fee may be charged to our Deposit Account No: 50-4056 under order number 7909/81000. If extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than that provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned and may also be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-4056 under Order No. 7909/81000.

Respectfully submitted,

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